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# *Virginia Hot Springs*





# *The Homestead* *Hot Springs, Va.*







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**VIRGINIA**—named for England's Virgin Queen. Elizabeth—the land of great forests, beautiful mountains, peaceful valleys, salubrious climate and health-giving waters. It was a haven of rest for the first English settlers and the birth place and cradle of the American Republic.

*"Heaven and earth never agreed to frame  
a better place for men's habitation"*

was the expression of Captain John Smith—that doughty warrior who led the first settlers to its shores. At a very early date the wonderful curative value of the mineral springs was recognized, for here at the springs were mountain breezes and healing waters for the sickly; dancing and flirting for the young, and opportunities for their elders of discussing politics, spinning yarns and cracking jokes.

**It became the Homestead** at a very early date for those first families whose chief charm was the simplicity of their social life, their courteous, old fashioned manners and hearts both stout and kind. Its fame grew with the fame of the Springs until today the Homestead and Hot Springs mean one and the same thing. As far back as 1838, when the nearest railroad station was Philadelphia and the only means of travel to that point was by saddle horse and stage coach, old records show that 6,000 people visited these Springs and a big portion of them came from New England. Such has always been the fame of the curative waters of Hot Springs which, coming out of the ground at a temperature of 106°F. stand today unequalled in the United States, and for many ills unequalled in Europe.

**The original buildings** have long since passed away and in their place has risen the finest resort hotel on the face of the globe. This hotel is situated 2500 feet above sea level at the foot of surrounding mountains, which are covered with sycamore, birch, ash, elder and willow. Reaching the hotel the blue veil of distance is lifted; the mighty wall above becomes one vast screen of bristling leaves. No matter what the season, the charm is constant. The agreeable mornings, the cloudless skies, balmy noon, and the wonderful and incomparable sunset. There is no melancholy in the light and stimulating air. No dirty streets to blow up dust nor sordid town to detract from the beautiful scenery. It is only natural in such surroundings a hotel should become far more than the word "hotel" really conveys.

**Hot Springs, Virginia,** means the Homestead Hotel, containing over 500 rooms and many parlor suites, an investment of nearly \$5,000,000. The surrounding mountains and the curative springs at their base—5,000 acres of land, 750 employees—fully equipped and complete carpenter, machine, silverplating and wood-working shops—a livery of 200 saddle and driving horses—a complete garage—a dairy of 250 cows—a piggery of 250 pigs—a fold containing 300 sheep—a hennery of 7,000 chickens, and the gardens and greenhouses where all vegetables are raised for the table—all owned and operated by the Homestead.





THE LOUNGE

Entering the beautiful brick structure through the pillared porticoes one cannot help but notice and appreciate the whole atmosphere which is so different from that found in any other hotel in the world. The spacious lounge 200 feet long, with its double row of snow white pillars, its heavy ornate furnishings, decorated in moss green and ivory, flanked on one side by the new Italian garden with its beautiful walks surrounding the ever spraying fountain. The desk and the billiard room are to be found at one end of the lounge and at the other end through the distance can be seen a lofty mountain in all its grandeur.



CORRIDOR DELUXE

Off the corridor you will find "shops" of every description, for the convenience of guests, containing only the finest wares; also an office of a leading New York Stock Exchange house with a direct wire to New York.



THE BALL ROOM

One cannot fail to be impressed with the real elegance, the air of refinement, the freedom from restraint and withal the homelike, cozy atmosphere that pervades the Homestead. Ease and comfort, sport and pleasure, good rooms, excellent cuisine, healing waters, scientific baths, perfect service—everything to make it the most attractive resort in the United States.

A little to the right is the octagonal ball room and the Corridor De Luxe, which is a triumph both in design and decoration. Guests find much comfort here, lounging, playing cards, smoking and watching the dancers. The orchestra under able leadership is heard from 8:30 to 10:30 P. M. in the ball room and a sacred concert is given on Sunday evenings. Every afternoon from 5 to 6 the orchestra plays in the band stand in front of the Casino. This orchestra is engaged the year around.

At a point west of the corridor you step into the spacious dining room,



A LITTLE CORNER OF BALL ROOM



THE DINING ROOM

bright, cheery, clean and comfortable. On one side is the Italian Garden and on the other a view of the mountains which can be seen from almost every table. The food that you eat—from the famous Virginia ham to the purest of milk from the most immaculate dairy, and all vegetables are products of Virginia Hot Springs Farm.

**The sparkling drinking water** is obtained from a special spring and is noted for its absolute purity. It is constantly under the supervision of our chemists who make careful and regular analysis.

Leading from this corridor to the new wing you are attracted by a fountain with its continuous flow of sulphur and magnesia waters at the same temperature as they come from the springs. At an outlay of over \$100,000, the water used for bathing and other purposes is piped from a mountain 8 miles away. Right on the grounds, almost at the door, you will find the justly celebrated magnesia and sulphur springs, nestling under rustic resting places, inviting you to partake of the waters which a kind Providence is offering you.

From the spacious  
surround the hotel, a  
massive outlines of  
mountains can be  
soft sweeping wind  
of verdure fills  
scent of cedar  
From here you



porches which almost  
panoramic view of the  
Virginia's famous  
revelled in; the  
over many miles  
the air with a  
and hemlock.  
can view the





THE JAPANESE ROOM

tennis courts, barely 100 feet away. Seven of the finest clay courts in the country, always in the pink of condition and ideally located. It is no uncommon sight in early October to find assembled hundreds of Homestead guests watching the annual Tennis Tournament which is one of the features of the Fall season at Hot Springs.

At 10:30 every evening, excepting Sunday, the colored orchestra and cabaret singers entertain the guests in the brilliant Japanese room, and all of the latest steps can be seen and enjoyed at these informal dances. In the early evening the Japanese room is a much sought after place for private dinner parties and to such an extent does the atmosphere of a private house party permeate the occasion that quite frequently at such parties between courses the tables are almost deserted while the diners enjoy all the pleasures of the new dances.



THE BILLIARD ROOM





In the new wing there are one hundred rooms all with outside baths and many with sleeping porches, much closet space and handsomely furnished at a cost of over \$1,000 per room—the decorations being executed by a noted decorator who has done much of the private work in some of the finest residences in this country.

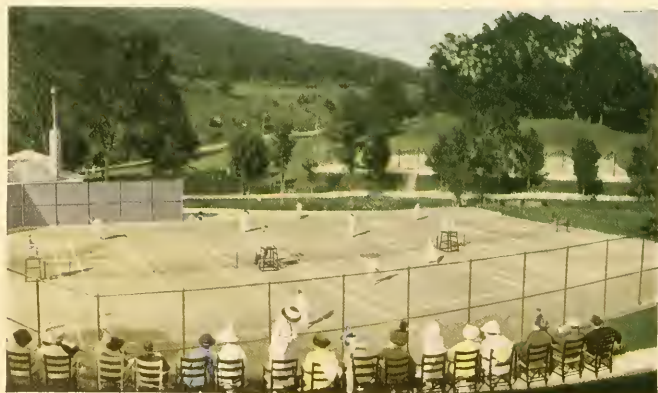




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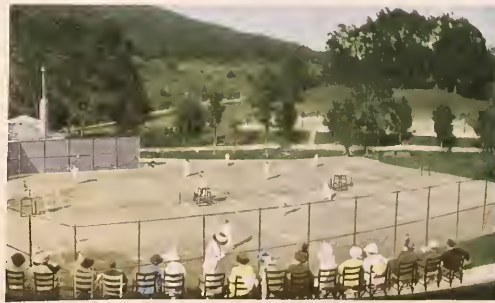
ON FIRST GREEN NEW COURSE

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TENNIS





ND GREEN NO. 11

OLF







EAST PORCH

**The Italian Garden**—a new attraction just completed is the latest endeavor on the part of the management in making the Homestead the most beautiful and complete in the world. Here tea and coffee are served in the afternoon and evening, adding to the homelike feeling which is so prevalent everywhere.

**Only a step from the tennis court** and one is at the first tee of the 18 hole golf course, 6,017 yards long. It is conceded to be the finest

course in America. Almost at every step the beautiful mountain scenery changes. \$200,000.00 has been spent on this course in adding to its natural hazards and striking beauty, and today it is attracting the professional golfers from all over the country. A little to the right of the 18 hole golf



THE FOUNTAIN



SULPHUR SPRING

course is the new 9 hole course, 2600 yards long. This leads off from the first tee into the valley, then up one side of a beautiful mountain to almost the very peak, and then back through a clear space in the forest and you hole out your last putt almost where you started from. This beautiful course has been but recently completed at a cost of about \$50,000.



ONE OF THE BEAUTIFUL WALKS



MALDEN SPRING



A BIT OF ROAD SCENERY



The Homestead Hotel and Bath House



THE HOMESTEAD 1905



SLEEPING PORCHES IN NEW WING



NEW ITALIAN GARDEN







HOLE NO. 11 AND GREEN NO. 11

## GOLF



ON FIRST GREEN NEW COURSE









PORCH OVERLOOKING TENNIS COURTS



THE CASINO



THE BATH HOUSE AND BOILER SPRING

**U**NQUESTIONABLY, the dominant factor in making Hot Springs world-famous is the cure in which the healing waters are even a more potent influence than the climate.

At none of the celebrated places in Europe are the natural waters so fully charged with all their gases and other health-giving qualities. At no other place is the temperature, prescribed for hot baths, that at which the water actually emerges from the earth in the natural springs. Many thousands of sufferers from all over the world have been greatly benefited and cured by the use of Hot Springs Healing Waters. They are peculiarly efficacious in Gout, Rheumatism, Rheumatic Gout, Obesity, Nervous Diseases, Sciatica, Neurasthenia, Nervous Prostration, Dyspepsia in various forms, early stages of Locomotor Ataxia, old joint injuries, Diseases of the Liver and disorders peculiar to women. **No offensive forms of Diseases are treated.**

Eminent physicians from all over the world are loud in their praises of the virtues of these **truly wonderful waters**. So intensely interested have some of them been that they have chronicled their findings in pamphlets bearing upon the subject, which we will gladly send upon request.

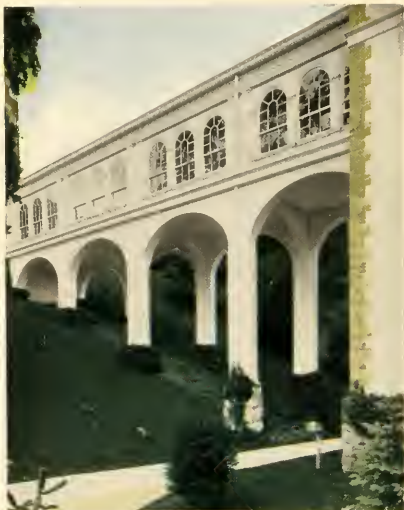
**Certain it is that a few terse words can but very feebly dilate upon this important subject and we urgently request all sufferers to write us for more exhaustive and comprehensive treatises.**



In the waters at Hot Springs is found more radio activity than at any place in the world—a fact so fraught with importance that it is almost startling to suffering humanity. The Resident Physicians are men of high standing and world renowned. No one is allowed to take the baths without first consulting a physician. The greatest individual care is given every case. The attendants have devoted years to the work and the minutest scrutiny is given to every detail. To obtain the best results, patients should spend at least four weeks at the Springs.

**The bath house**—an architectural gem—is located just below a series of six large flowing hot springs and is connected with the hotel by an ornate viaduct (see illustration) so that the bather may go to and from his room in the hotel without outside exposure.

**The building** is handsome and well appointed throughout—on each floor are well furnished rest rooms for men and women. **The Solarium**—a large and comfortable hall on the upper floor—is reached by the grand stairway or elevator. Here the guests may rest and enjoy the sun baths.



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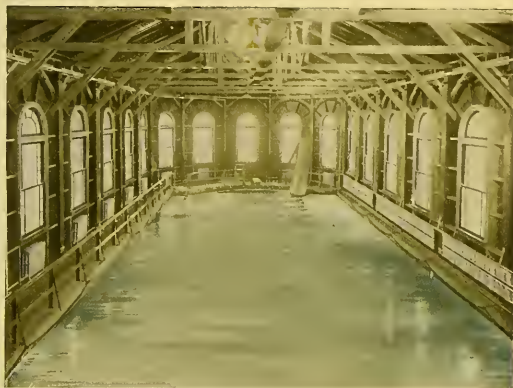
CORRIDOR IN BATH HOUSE

**The swimming pool**, 85½ ft. x 30½ ft. with a depth ranging from 4 to 7 ft., is supplied with constantly flowing water from several springs, with a temperature of 82 to 85 degrees. This pool is in a handsome building adjoining and communicating with the bath house. It is complete in every appointment and is kept at a temperature which makes bathing enjoyable the year 'round.

**The baths** are of various kinds but perhaps the best known and most wonderful in results is the **Spout Bath** because of the com-

ination of the mechanical massage with the results derived from the application of the naturally hot mineral waters.

The latest and most complete apparatus, **the Richter Bath** as designed by Dr. Simon Baruch, with circular, rain and Scotch douche, hot-air and 60 lamp electric cabinets, has been installed for the cure of nervous diseases.



SWIMMING POOL

**The Zander Institution** for Swedish Gymnastics, Massage and Hot-Air Treatments, so successfully employed in Europe, has recently been installed here and is administered under the supervision of an experienced director, who will furnish applicants with



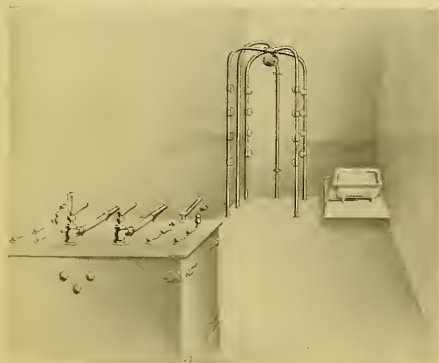
SPOUT BATH

full information respecting the various movements.

**The Springs** are beneficial not only for



REST ROOM



DOUCHE TABLE AND NEEDLE BATH

bathing but for drinking. Besides the Hot Springs, the effects of which as drinking waters are pronounced, there are springs known as magnesia, sulphur and soda springs within the grounds. The water from the soda spring comes strong and clear from the ground at a uniform temperature of 74 degrees. It is particularly recommended for all diseases affecting the kidneys and bladder.



THE HOMESTEAD DAIRY

**200 Virginia and Kentucky bred saddle and driving horses**, the finest in the country, raised in the Blue Grass Mountains, are owned by the Homestead Hotel. These horses are trained especially for the mountain roads and bridle paths. You may go over the mountain by one trail and return by another, the scenery always changing; one can leave the steep trail from a slow walk and canter back on the beautiful roads through the valley.

Some of these trails lead up a mountain to 4,200 feet above sea level; 5 miles to Warm Springs with its old fashioned Southern Hotel and surroundings where may be found the greatest flow of naturally heated waters in the world, one and a quarter million gallons every 24 hours; 3 miles from the Homestead in the oppo-



site direction, the Healing Springs with its wonderful medicinal waters and very attractive Hotel and Cottages; also to Fassifern Hunt Club at Fassifern Farm, where a half mile race track has been constructed. Oak Grove is another beautiful drive and only a short distance off, where the original deed of this property given by King George II, can be seen. The drives to Daniel Boone Cabin or to Valley View are also very picturesque. All roads leading to these interesting spots

are as fine as can be found in the country, kept in the best of condition by the Hot Springs Company by means of a large corps of men and heavy road machinery, solely for the convenience of the guests.







THE HOMESTEAD POULTRY FARM

**The climate** at Hot Springs is simply delightful all the year round. Situated 2500 feet above the sea level at the foot of surrounding mountains, the temperature is remarkable. In the summer there is always life in the air and the nights are always cool. Seldom is there a hot day, no moisture or dampness so customary in mountain resorts. A more ideal summer climate than such places as Bar Harbor, Newport or the White Mountains.

Covering a period of years, the average temperature is as follows:

Jan. 29°	July 78°
Feb. 35°	Aug. 77°
Mar. 47°	Sept. 75°
April 61°	Oct. 64°
May 72°	Nov. 51°
June 78°	Dec. 47°

Delightful Indian summer up to Christmas—truly beautiful Spring days. Never any extremes.





HOMESTEAD VEGETABLE GARDENS

It would be difficult to imagine a more delightful spot to take a vacation at any season of the year than at the Homestead. No pains or expenditure have been spared to add to the pleasure, comfort or enjoyment of our guests. The natural God-given beauties of nature have been supplemented by a marvelous equipment complete in every detail. Tennis and Golf, Walking and Driving, Billiards

and Pool, Dancing and Cards, Bathing and Resting, Conversation and Music—pleasurable recreations for old and young. The pictures tell the story. Each and every member of the family is made to feel at home. We can truly say that no other resort offers so many advantages at such a reasonable price.



HOMESTEAD TIVERY

## How To Reach Virginia Hot Springs

Hot Springs is situated about midway between New York and Cincinnati at the terminal of a branch line of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway, diverging at Covington, Va.

From Boston and New England points, from New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Pittsburgh, Norfolk, Old Point Comfort, Richmond, Savannah, Charleston, Jacksonville and all Southeastern points, trains are run regularly every day which connect with the Chesapeake & Ohio train at Washington for Hot Springs, Va.

A through compartment car leaves New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington every day throughout the year.

From Chicago, Louisville, Memphis, New Orleans, St. Louis, Kansas City and all points West and South, train schedules show connection with the Chesapeake & Ohio at Cincinnati for Hot Springs. The management of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway spares no pains to provide specially high class accommodations on their trains for Homestead guests. Meals are served a la carte in their celebrated dining cars.

Schedules being subject to change without notice, passengers should apply to ticket agents for definite information, connection and Pullman service.

Excursion tickets to Hot Springs are on sale the year 'round at principal ticket offices throughout the country.

Further detailed information gladly furnished by addressing

H. ALBERT, Resident Manager  
Hot Springs, Va.

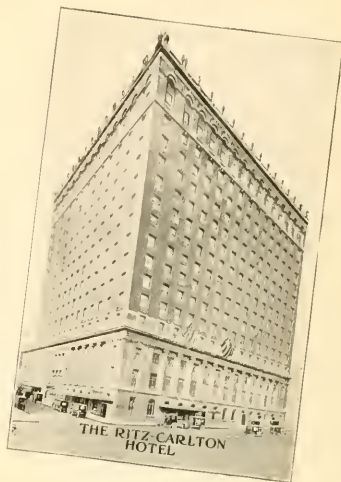


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The Homestead Hotel, Hot Springs, Virginia, maintains a booking office at the Ritz-Carlton, 46th Street and Madison Avenue, New York City. Rooms may also be reserved for the Homestead Hotel at the Ritz-Carlton, Philadelphia.

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